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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : TERASHIMA et al.
Serial No. : 09/881,529
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Filed : June 14, 2001
For : APPARATUS EQUIPPED...
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Examiner : Mark E. WALLERSON
Dated : December 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

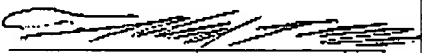
The Office Action dated July 7, 2003 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired October 7, 2003.

Since the attached response is being filed within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Examiner is respectfully requested to charge attorney's deposit account no. 13-0410 the appropriate petition fee of \$950.00 (fee code 1253).

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.